

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (withdrawn)

Claim 14 (original): A method of corrosion protecting a ferrous metal device used in the waterworks industry as a part of a fluid conveyance system, the method comprising the steps of:

coating at least an exposed metal surface of the ferrous metal device with a corrosion resistant coating which comprises an aqueous phenolic resin dispersion.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the ferrous metal device is dipped into a treatment solution which includes the aqueous phenolic resin dispersion and at least an acid.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the ferrous metal device is an iron pipe.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the ferrous metal device is selected from the group consisting of:

glands, fittings, mechanical joints, swivel hydrant fittings, push-on fittings, service boxes, valve boxes, meter boxes, restraint joint devices, nuts, bolts and external wedge devices.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the coating comprises a continuous aqueous phase and, dispersed within the aqueous phase, the reaction product of a phenolic resin precursor and

a modifying agent, wherein the modifying agent includes at least one ionic group and at least one functional moiety that enables the modifying agent to undergo condensation with the phenolic resin precursor.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 18, wherein the resulting dispersed phenolic resin reaction product includes at least one phenolic ring to which is bound the ionic group from the modifying agent.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 19, wherein the modifying agent is an aromatic compound.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 20, wherein the modifying agent is sulfate, sulfonate, sulfinic, sulfenic or oxysulfonate and the reactive functional moiety is a hydroxy or hydroxyalkyl.

Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the acid is phosphoric acid.

Claim 23 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the dispersed phenolic resin is selected from the group consisting of Novolak resin and Resole resin.

Claim 24 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the ferrous metal device is dipped into a bath of the aqueous phenolic dispersion so that the coating autodeposits onto the exposed metal surface.

Claim 25 (withdrawn)

Claim 26 (original): In a method for protecting a surface of a pipe comprising the steps of applying a coating composition to the surface of the pipe and allowing said coating composition to solidify, the improvement comprising providing as the coating composition the Lord METALJACKET™ Coating sold by Lord Corporation of 1625 Riverfork Drive East, Huntington, IN 46750.